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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003. With this Response, Applicant files a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for responding to the Office Action by three months to February 13, 2004.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees totalling \$986 for the three-month Petition for Extension of Time (\$950), extra claim fees (\$36) and any additional required fees to agent's account 15-0633.

Amendments to the claims are provided on pages 2 to 8 of this paper.

Remarks relating to the office action and the amendments to the claims are provided on pages 9 to 10 of this paper.

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